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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a  
Nonprovisional Utility Patent:

       New Application; or a        Continuation, X Division,  
       Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior US  
application No. 09/997,819 filed on November 30, 2001; of

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For(Title): APPARATUS FOR FORMING OPTICAL APERTURE

This transmittal letter has 3 pages.

Enclosed are:

- X Enclosed are 27 sheets of drawings, along with 55 pages  
of specification, claims and abstract.
- X Oath or Declaration Combined with Power of Attorney (3 pages)  
       Newly Executed (original or copy)  
X Copy from a prior application (if this is a  
Continuation/Division with no new matter)  
       Signed statement deleting named inventor(s) in prior  
application if this is a Continuation/Division (See 37 CFR  
1.63(d) and 1.33(b)).
- A certified copy of a                      (non-US) application  
No.                     , having a filing date of                     .

An Assignment Transmittal Letter and Assignment of the invention.

       A verified statement to establish small entity status under  
35 CFR 1.9 and 1.27  
       is enclosed

       was filed in prior application and such status is  
still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).

       An information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO-1449.

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Instructions:

  X   Incorporation by Reference (for Continuation/Division  
application). The entire disclosure of the prior application,  
from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is  
considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

  X   Priority of Application Nos. 2000-367561 filed December 1, 2000,  
2000-367563 filed December 1, 2000, 2000-370186 filed December 5,  
2000, 2000-373308 filed December 7, 2000, 2000-379264 filed  
December 13, 2000, and 2000-379265 filed December 13, 2000 in  
Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119. The certified copies

       have not been filed.

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  X   were filed in parent application Serial No. 09/997,819

  X   The prior application is assigned of record to  
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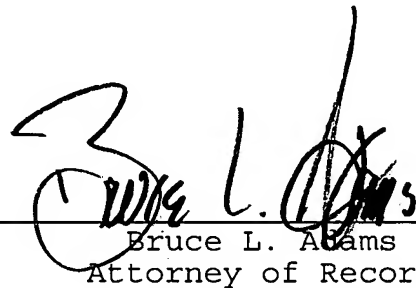
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Re: New patent application of Manabu OUMI et al.  
for APPARATUS FOR FORMING OPTICAL APERTURE

comprising transmittal letter, title, specification, claims and abstract (55 pgs.), declaration and power of attorney, 27 sheets of formal drawings containing thereon Figs. 1-29, preliminary amendment canceling claims to reduce filing fee, second preliminary amendment, express mail certification and checks in the amount \$72.00 and \$770.00

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